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Man held in slaying of Dallas hairdresser

A 27-year-old man was arrested Monday in Cedar Hill in connection with last month's beating death of a Dallas hairdresser. Representatives of the D/FW Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team, led by U.S. marshals, arrested Josh Ford, 27, at a house in the 800 block of Shadyridge Drive. He is accused of killing Ollie "Chip" Wood, 43, who died Feb. 18 at a Fort Worth hospital after what police described as beatings that took place over the course of several days. Mr. Wood founded the influential Looker Hair Group in Deep Ellum in 1985. Mr. Ford was a longtime friend. Police are unsure what sparked the beatings, but said that both men had been drinking.

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